

CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU SPORT MILITAIRE (CISM):

Brief history of CISM:

Despite the French name, the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) is in reality based upon an American idea.

At the end of World War II, the American Commander in Chief, General Joseph McNarney was searching for a means to bridge the language and cultural barriers, and develop a cohesive and cooperative force among the diverse Allied Forces in Europe. He recalled the highly successful Allied Forces Sports Council (AFSC), which General Joseph Pershing created at the end of World War I, when faced with a similar problem. General McNarney revived the concept and it was an instant success. Allied Forces from Western and Eastern Europe competed against each other on the playing field in perfect harmony.

In 1947 political storm clouds appeared on the horizon. Russia and other eastern countries withdrew. Then England and America withdrew. The AFSC rapidly disintegrated. Only a handful of nations, who had clearly seen the potential of sport bringing together the Armed Forces of the world refused to let the idea perish.

The French Armed Forces organized a meeting, February 16-18, 1948, in the city of Nice and invited all countries interested in forming a permanent military sports association to attend. Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands participated. By the end of the meeting, statutes and regulations for a worldwide organization were drawn up and ratified. From those five “founder nations” CISM has grown into an organization of 122 nations today.

Aims & Objectives:

The aim of CISM, while setting a good example in each member country, is the encouragement of military sports and the development of friendly relations between the Armed Forces of the various fields related to sport and physical fitness.

CISM strives to

- A. Establish permanent relations between Armed Forces for the exchange of ideas and encourage research in various fields related to sport and fitness.
- B. Entrust the member nations with the organization of the numerous sport championships and meetings organized under its auspices.
- C. Encourages and supports all measures designed to establish and reinforce friendly relations between military participants and promote activities designed to increase understanding, mutual respect, and friendship between nations.

CISM Motto:

This quote from the famous French writer, Jean Giraudox, once himself a famous military athlete, has been adopted by CISM as its official motto:

SPORT means peace
SPORT is the opposite of war
SPORT is the cure for war
SPORT is international
SPORT brings nations closer

In summary, CISM is endeavoring to substitute the playing field for the battlefield. In the 1990's CISM shortened the CISM motto to "Friendship Through Sport."

Annual Sports Calendar:

Like the Olympic games, CISM holds a Military World Games competition every four years (the year prior to the summer Olympics). The first games were conducted in 1995 (Rome, Italy). The second games were in Zagreb, Croatia (1999). The third games will be conducted in Catania, Italy (2003). CISM also conducts World Military Championships in 21 different sports annually. The U.S. usually participates in the following CISM Championships:

Military Sports

Ski Week
Naval Pentathlon
Modern Pentathlon
Shooting
Parachuting

Individual Sports

Cycling
Cross Country
Sailing
Triathlon

Combat Sport

Fencing
Wrestling
Boxing
Taekwondo

Team Sports

Basketball
Volleyball
Soccer

CISM Research:

Early in its life, CISM officials recognized the need for research in the fields of coaching, sports medicine, military physical fitness, experimentation in new coaching methods, and new equipment. Consequently, a research academy was established in 1957. Each member nation was authorized to appoint three regular and three extraordinary members. The work of the academy since that time has been of such high quality, that CISM is now regularly requested to participate in all of the national and international congresses, symposiums, and meetings held on sports and physical fitness. The research findings or studies of the academy are regularly published in the form of technical brochures and distributed to all member nations. Also, regional clinics are held and all nations within that region are invited to send their military coaches and specialists to participate. When space permits, civilians are often invited to participate.

HISTORY OF UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN CISM MANAGEMENT:

Founding

1946 General Joseph McNarney, USFET - Founded Allied Forces Sports Council

1948 CISM was founded as five European Countries

1951 USA joined CISM

US Members of CISM Executive Committee

1953	LTC Hal Costello, USA	Member
1954-56	LTC John Pepper, USAF	Member
1956-57	LTC Lionel Layden, USAF	Member
1960	BG Royal Hatch, USAF	Continental Vice President
1961-66	BG Royal Hatch, USAF	President of CISM
1967-68	MG Kenneth G. Wickham, USA	Member
1968-70	MG Kenneth G. Wickham, USA	President of CISM
1971-73	LTG E.E. Anderson, USMC	Member
1974	LTG E.E. Anderson, USMC	Continental Vice President
1975-77	MG Paul T. Smith, USA	Member
1978-80	BG Donald W. Connelly, USA	Member
1980-81	MG J. C. Pennington, USA	Member
1981-83	MG J. C. Pennington, USA	Continental Vice President
1983-94	BG Clifford H. Rees, JR., USAF	Member
1994-96	BG Donald B. Smith, USA	Member
1996-99	BG Patrick O. Adams, USAF	Member

PAST CISM EVENTS HOSTED BY USA:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1953	Boxing	Munich, Germany
1955	Boxing	Kaiserlautern, Germany
1956	Track & Field	Berlin, Germany
1957	Boxing	Munich, Germany
1958	Swimming & Water Polo	Berlin, Germany
	Fencing	Wiesbaden, Germany
1959	Cross Country	Stuttgart, Germany
1960	Boxing	Wiesbaden, Germany
1961	Boxing	Ft. Dix, NJ
1962	XVII General Assembly	Washington, DC
1963	Boxing	Frankfurt, Germany
	Volleyball	Ft. Sam Houston, TX
1964	Modern Pentathlon	Ft. Sam Houston, TX
1965	XX General Assembly	Wiesbaden, Germany
1967	Boxing	Ft. Meade, MD
1969	Modern Pentathlon	Ft. Sam Houston, TX
1970	Shooting	Ft. Benning, GA
1971	CISM Executive Com.	Washington, DC
	Naval Pentathlon	Coronado, CA
1972	Modern Pentathlon	Ft. Sam Houston, TX
1974	Basketball	Ft. Myer, VA
	Parachuting	Ft. Bragg, NC
1975	Boxing	Camp Lejeune, NC
	Orienteering	Vint Hills, VA
1976	CISM General Assembly	San Francisco, CA
1977	Shooting	Ft. Benning, GA
1978	Modern Pentathlon	Ft. Sam Houston, TX
	2nd Session Exec. Com.	Washington, DC
1979	Naval Pentathlon	Coronado, CA
	Modern Pentathlon	Ft. Sam Houston, TX
1980	Basketball	Ft. Bragg, NC
	Shooting	Ft. Benning, GA
1981	Judo	Air Force Academy, CO
	Boxing	Camp Lejeune, NC
	CISM General Assembly	Honolulu, HI
1982	Cross Country	Pensacola, FL
1983	Basketball	Little Creek, VA
	Modern Pentathlon	Ft. Sam Houston, TX

PAST CISM EVENTS - Cont'd

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1983	Shooting	Ft. Benning, GA
1984	CISM Olympic Village	Port Hueneme, CA
	Wrestling	Philadelphia, PA
1985	Naval Pentathlon	Coronado, CA
	Bowling	Augsburg, Germany
	Boxing	Ft. Bragg, NC
1986	Volleyball	Colorado Springs, CO
1987	Boxing	Camp Lejeune, NC
	Judo	San Diego, CA
1988	Cross Country	Tyndall AFB, FL
	Basketball	McClellan AFB, CA
1989	Skiing	Burlington, VT
1990	Wrestling	Quantico, VA
1991	Volleyball	Peterson AFB, CO
1992	Naval Pentathlon	Coronado, CA
	Shooting	Ft. Benning, GA
1993	Ski Week	Burlington, VT
1994	Volleyball	San Diego, CA
1995	Cross Country	Mayport, FL
1996	Basketball	Ft. Hood, TX
	Cycling	Sembach AFB, Germany
1997	Boxing	Lackland AFB, TX
1998	Taekwondo	Ft. Hood, TX
1999	Cross Country	Mayport, FL
2000	Wrestling	Camp Lejeune, NC
2001	Ski Week	Burlington, VT
2002	Taekwondo	Fort Hood, TX

SCHEDULE OF HOSTING CISM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Military World Games	2003	13-23 Sep	Catania, Italy
Golf	2003	October 12 - 20	NAS, Jacksonville, FL
Women's Soccer	2004	May	Fort Eustis, VA
Boxing	2004	Oct 19-29	Fort Huachuca, AZ
Triathlon	2005	Jun	Point Mugu, CA
Modern Pent	2006	Jun	Army (Western area)
Military World Games	2007	Aug/Sep	TBD
*If no games Shooting			Fort Benning, GA
Men's Basketball	2008		Fort Hood, TX
Shooting*	2009		Fort Benning
*If not held in 2007			

Official Languages:

CISM official business is conducted in English and French, the two official languages, to include presentations, publications, and meetings. A movement has started to add Arabic and Spanish, which would increase the official languages from two to four.

Flags & Music:

CISM has its own flag, march and anthem. The flag is white with a blue border. The CISM logo is prominently centered on the flag. The anthem was composed by Mrs. Carla Foniutti of Italy and the march by Lt. Commander L.S. Lawton (U.S. Navy). The march is played at all championships when the CISM flag is carried on the field. The anthem is played while the flags of participating nations are raised and lowered and all other ceremonies.

CISM Headquarters:

The Secretary General is located at the headquarters in Brussels, Belgium

CISM Leadership:

The member countries have elect their leadership from among the highest ranking military officers throughout the world.

Chief of Mission Selection:

Primary consideration for a Chief of Mission position should be given to members of the AFSC. The rank of Colonel or Captain (USN) for Chief of Mission is desirable. An officer or equivalent DoD civilian will be the team captain (manager).

Chief of Mission Briefing:

The host service of the CISM activity will brief the Chief of Mission on all duties, functions, and responsibilities prior to the team departure for the CISM Championship.

Military Uniform:

U. S. Military personnel will wear the Military uniforms to all official CISM functions (banquet, etc.) as dictated by the host country.

Funding for Individuals Involved in CISM & Other Higher Level Competition:

When a member of the Armed Forces is selected for Council representation or special duty for an outside organization (CISM, etc.), his or her service will fund all expenses.